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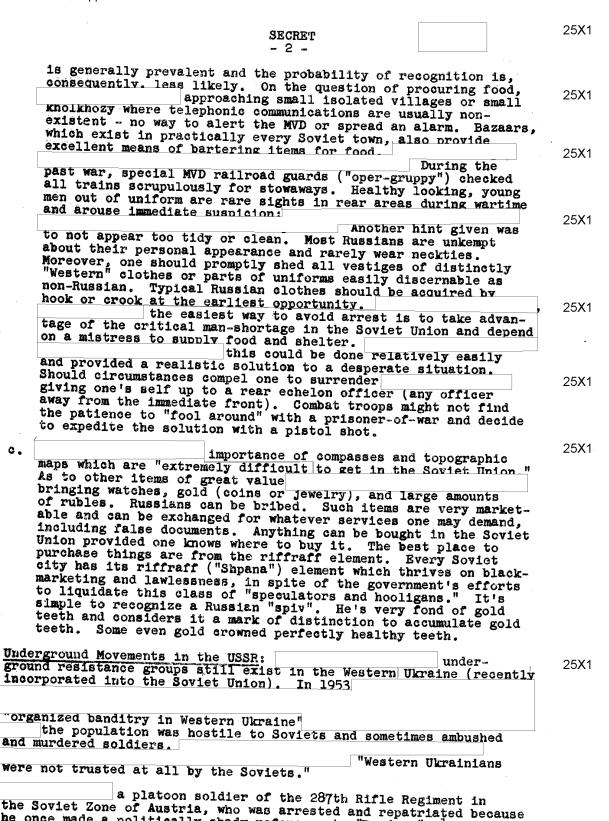
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Should circumstances compel an evader to retreat into the

hinterland past Soviet policies of displacing whole populations during emergency situations

following routes to civilian evacuation areas where confusion

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he once made a politically shady reference to "Bendera". 1.

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many Checheno-Ingushi (3,000 exiled to Kalininskoye region, 25X1 they harboured a deep hatred for the Russians for expelling them from their native Caucasian homelands. most of these people were resettled in Central Asia; over a thousand kholkhoz Checheno-Ingushi during the 1948 harvest season, near Akmolinak /N 51-10, E 71-307 one can immediately recognize Checheno-Ingushi by their tall 'barashki' (lamb's wool astrakhan-type of cap) and 'besmety' (cossack-type of caftan with traditional cartridge bands across the chest)". Prostitution in the City of Chop N 48-25, E 22-117: Chop is a bordertown between Hungary and the Soviet Union. "Nowhere", "in the Soviet Union is prostitution so open 25X1 and widespread as in Chop. Women accost men in the streets, at the railroad station and in public cafes. Any woman in Chop can be bought for 20 rubles. Poverty is distressingly evident everywhere; old men and children beg Soviet soldiers for food and money; the population is in rags." Strict MVD customs and border controls existed at the Chop railroad station. Estimation of Soviet Morale: 25X1 Mass desertions to the West can be considered a foregone conclusion providing the United States does not attempt to enslave the Russian people as Hitler tried to do. In that event, inflamed hatred and patriotism will make the Russian soldier fight to the bitter end." In the event of occupation of Russia by American troops peasants and workers 25X1 should be appointed as local administrators. ("Russians will listen to the monarchistic movement completely anachronistic and out of step with contemporary Russians' political aims. 25X1 6. Psychological Deterrents to Soviets Who Contemplate Desertion: 7. following reasons - according to importance - why potential Soviet deserters hesitate to defect to the West: 25X1 Material comforts are generally better in the army than for the average man in the Soviet Union. 25X1 Lieutenant, earned as much as a qualified engineer does in the Soviet Union. Patriotism. Personal safety. The average Soviet is fearful and uncertain of treatment by West; he knows that deserters have been returned to Soviet control in the past. Long anti-American political indoctrination has warped the Russian's thinking. 25X1

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đ.	Uncertainty of the future. Many Soviet officers are career officers who have stayed on after the war. Most have no profession by which to make a living after they are released to the local economy. (Officers often referred to themselves as "educated bums")	25X1
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e.	Hostage system: This, of course, is uppermost in every potentia deserter's mind. Fear of reprisal against relatives is the greatest argument against defection.	1
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